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Mid-Term Question Paper

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II PUC MID-TERM EXAMINATION, OCT/NOV - 2024

SUBJECT : ENGLISH (02)

Time : 3 Hours **Max. Marks : 80**

Instructions :

1) **Answer the questions in all the sections.**
2) **Follow the prescribed limit while answering the questions.**
3) **Write the correct question number as it appears on the question paper.**
4) **For multiple choice questions (MCQs) choose the correct answer and rewrite it.**
5) **Answers to question numbers 30 should be in sequence and at one place.**

PART-A

I Answer the following questions by choosing the right option : 10x1=10

1. _____ is compared to 'new snow' on raven's back in "Romeo and Juliet."
   a) Roseline b) Juliet c) Romeo d) moon
2. In "Too Dear" the criminal received _____ of his annuity in advance before leaving the Kingdom.
   a) half b) one-fourth c) one-third d) one-fifth
3. In the poem "On children" God loves the bow that _____
   a) is stable b) moves c) breaks d) doesn't bend
4. The book written by Vandana Shiva mentioned in "Everything I need to Know I Learned in the Forest" is _____
   a) Biodiversity b) Navadanya Farm c) Tapovan d) Monocultures of the Mind
5. Dona Laura's parents wanted her to marry _____ in "A Sunny Morning."
   a) Juanito b) merchant c) Don Gonzalo d) Zorilla
6. The speaker in the poem "When You Are Old" wants his beloved to read his _____ when she is old.
   a) Short story b) essay c) book of poems d) novel
7. Identify the sequence of events that made the owner of the garden lethargic in "The Gardener."
   a) Income improved - thefts stopped - owner's lifestyle changed - old man arrived.
   b) old man arrived - owner's lifestyle changed - income improved - thefts stopped.
   c) owner's lifestyle changed - old man arrived - income improved - thefts stopped.
   d) old man arrived - thefts stopped - income improved - owner's lifestyle changed.
8. The foot wants to become a butterfly or _____ in the poem "To The Foot From Its Child."
   a) an apple b) a worm c) a reptile d) a petal
9. Match column A with column B with reference to the play "A Sunny Morning."

A	B
i Petra	a. Gonzalo's servant
ii Juanito	b. The Silver Maiden
iii Laura	c. Laura's maid

   a) i-a, ii-b, iii-c b) i-b, ii-c, iii-a c) i-c, ii-a, iii-b d) i-a, ii-c, iii-b
10. Basavaiah encroached _____ acres of Tammanna's land in "The Gardener."
    a) 100 b) 200 c) 800 d) 1000

11. Fill in the blanks with the passive form of the verb given in the brackets: 3x1=3

The guard _____ (**dismiss**). It _____ (**decide**) to offer the criminal a pension. The pension fixed was 600 francs. This _____ (**announce**) to the prisoner.

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12. **Fill in the blanks by choosing the appropriate expression given the brackets : 2x1=2**
(to put up with, out of hand, flesh and blood)
The women of Adwani were ready to fight with their _____ to save forests they were prepared to _____ any kind of hardship to save trees.

13. **Read the following paragraph and match the pronouns in side A with nouns/noun phrases in side B they refer to : 5x1=5**
Anne Frank and her family members moved in to a secret hiding place. They were forced to stay there for two years. Anne Frank recorded all the incidents in a diary which she named Kitty. This was handed over to her father after her death in the concentration camp. He in turn published this as a book. The book also has her intense feelings towards Peter, who was in the hiding.

A (Pronouns)	B (Nouns/Noun Phrases)
a. they	i. secret hiding
b. there	ii. Peter
c. which	iii. Father
d. He	iv. Anne Frank and her family
e. her	v. Anne Frank's
	vi. Diary

PART-B

II Answer any THREE of the following in one or two sentences each : 3x2=6

14. Mention the names of the two rival families in "Romeo and Juliet."
15. Name the two countries which initiated the "rights of Nature" in its constitution.
16. What are the French and Italian governments considered as by the kinglet in "Too Dear"?
17. Don Gonzalo was a friend of many Spanish writers. Name at least two of them.

III Answer any FOUR of the following questions in about 60 words each : 4x3=12

18. Give a brief account of the toy kingdom in "Too Dear."
19. Write a short note on Earth University as mentioned by Vandana Shiva.
20. Why was Dona Laura annoyed with Don Gonzalo in the begining in "A Sunny Morning"?
21. How does the speaker explain that he is different from others in "When You Are Old"?
22. What did Basavaiah do to invest his home with meaning in "The Gardener"?
23. What happens to the foot when it is condemned to live in a shoe as presented in 'To The Foot From Its Child'?

IV Answer any THREE of the following questions in about 100 words each : 3x4=12

24. How does Romeo employ similes to convey Juliet's beauty to reveal his perception of her?
25. Comment on role of parents as noted by the speaker in "On Children"?
26. Deforestation in the Himalayan region paved the way for Chipko. Explain with reference to "Everything I Need to Know I Learned in The Forest."
27. What fictitious story did Gonzalo spin to hide his identity in "A Sunny Morning"?
28. The owner's life changed after the arrival of the old man. Elucidate.
29. "Childhood dreams are crushed by society." How does the poet showcase this in "To The Foot From Its Child"?

PART-C

V 30. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it : 10x1=10

The Globe Theatre was a theatre in London associated with William Shakespeare. It was built in 1599 by Shakespeare's playing company, the Lord Chamberlain's Men, on land owned by Thomas Brend and inherited by his son, Nicholas Brend and grandson Sir Mathew Brend, and was destroyed

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by fire on 29 June 1613. A second Globe Theatre was built on the same site by June 1614 and closed in 1642.

A modern construction of the Globe, named "Shakespeare's Globe," opened in 1997 approximately 750 feet (230 m) from the site of the original theatre. From 1909, the current Gielgud Theatre was called "Globe Theatre," until it was renamed in 1994.

The Globe was owned by actors who were also shareholders in the Lord Chamberlain's Men. Its actual dimensions are unknown, but its shape and size can be approximated from scholarly inquiry over the last two centuries. The evidence suggests that it was a three-storey, open-air amphitheatre approximately 100 feet (30 m) in diameter that could house up to 3,000 spectators. At the base of the stage, there was an area called the pit, where, for a penny, people (the "groundlings") would stand on the rush-strewn earthen floor to watch the performance. The back wall of the stage had two or three doors on the main level, with a curtained inner stage in the centre and a balcony above it. Doors entered into the "tiring house" (backstage area) where the actors dressed and awaited their entrances. The floors above many have been used to store costumes and props and as management offices. The balcony housed the musicians and could also be used for scenes requiring space, an upper such as the balcony scene in Romeo and Juliet.

Questions:

a) Who was the Globe Theatre associated with ?
b) When was the Globe Theatre built ?
c) When was the Globe Theatre destroyed ?
d) What was the modern reconstruction of the Globe called ?
e) Who were the shareholders of the Globe Theatre ?
f) What is the area at the base of the stage called ?
g) What was the balcony used for ?
h) How many spectators could be housed in the open-air amphitheatre ?
i) The floor above the "tiring house" was used to store costumes and to _____ offices. (manage/management)
j) Add a prefix to the word 'Known' to form an antonym.

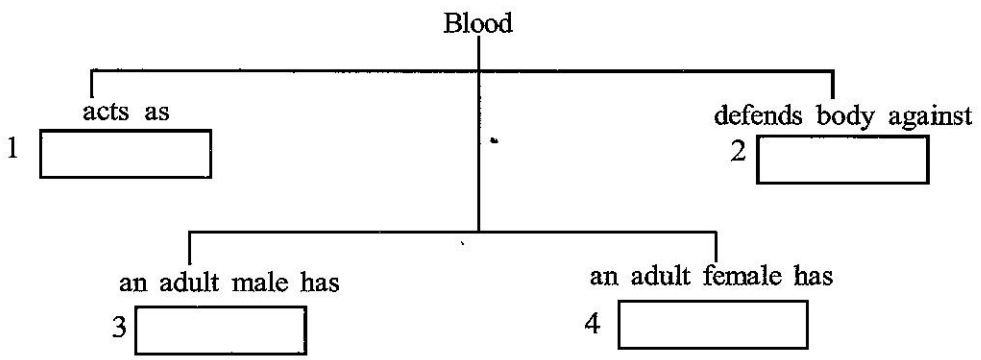
PART-D

31. Fill in the blanks with right linkers:
(since, although, but, as well as) **1x4=4**

I love to cook, _____ I don't always have time to prepare meals. Sometimes I make quick dishes, _____ they are easy to prepare, _____ I have more time to experiment. Cooking is fun_____ challenging.

32. Read the following passage and make notes by filling the boxes given below : **$4x^1/_2=2$**

Blood is a fluid that acts as a transport medium around the circulatory system. It helps to defend the body against infections. The average adult male has 5.5 litres of blood. An average adult female has 4.5 liters.



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33. Report the following conversation : **5x1=5**

Don Gonzalo : Are you speaking to me, Senora ?

Dona Laura : Yes, I am speaking to you.

Don Gonzalo : What do you wish ?

Dona Laura : You have scared away the birds.

Don Gonzalo : What do I care about the birds ?

34. Complete the following conversation : **4x1=4**

A stranger wants to go to the railway station from the bus stand.

(Conversation between a stranger and John)

Stranger : Excuse me, _____ (ask for direction)

John : _____ (gives direction)

Stranger : Is it far from here ?

John : _____ replies.

Stranger : _____ (expresses gratitude)

PART-E

35. Write a letter of application in response to the following advertisement which appeared in "The Hindu" dated 15th October, 2024. **5**

WANTED

Sales Representative

Qualification: Any degree with minimum 3 years of experience.

- Should have excellent communication skills.
- Apply within 10 days to

The Manager,
Girias Home Appliances Ltd.
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